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Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed 23 December 2009 is acknowledged. The case has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BURTON MULLINS whose telephone number is (571)272-2029. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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